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STAT 34. [] LEGISLATION Called the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs to check on the status of S. 2596, a "Presidential Papers" bill. I spoke with Chris Burnstein, who indicated that nothing to date has been scheduled with regard to the bill. Ms. Burnstein indicated that the person on the Committee who will be handling the bill is Ira Shapiro.

STAT 35. [] LEGISLATION Called John Seivert, at the Department of Justice, to discuss their proposed amendments to the Federal Tort Claims Act. The amendments would establish disciplinary procedures against employees who violated the constitutional rights of any person. Seivert said that Justice is not enthusiastic about the bill, but it is necessary so that the main amendments to the Federal Tort Claims Act (those which would substitute the Government rather than the employee as a defendant) would be passed by Congress. I outlined our problems with the procedures for him, including comments on the Director's summary termination power and our problems regarding disclosure of confidential or sources and methods information during the hearings. He said the Department of Justice had recognized this when they drafted the legislation, and they will be responsive to our comments.

STAT 36. [] LEGISLATION Talked with Jack Perkins, at the Department of Justice, concerning the proposed amendments to the Federal Tort Claims Act. Mr. Perkins briefly went into the background of why Justice had proposed these amendments and indicated that they were not enthusiastically supporting the amendments.

STAT 37. [] LEGISLATION Called Bob Carlstrom, OMB, in response to their request for oral comments on the Department of Justice proposed amendments to S. 2117, the Federal Tort Claims Act amendments. I gave him the gist of our problems, and he asked that we forward a letter outlining our concerns.

STAT 38. [] LEGISLATION Called Bob Lockhart, Deputy General Counsel to the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, to find out what witnesses were testifying tomorrow on the Civil Service reform bill.

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